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WELL STRUCTURE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In US patent no. 5,901,022, an inductor is added between the input pad and the HBM/MM ESD protection circuit to clamp the CDM ESD stress across the gate oxide of the input buffer.--

